

First U.S. Conference "Characterizing Chemicals in Commerce: Using Data on High Production Volume (HPV) Chemicals"

Background

The HPV Challenge Program

The High Production Volume (HPV) Challenge Program began in 1998 as a collaborative effort between private industry, EPA, and environmental groups. The goal of the program was to make basic health and environmental effects data for HPV chemicals (those produced at 1 million pounds or more per year) available to the public by the end of 2005.

The Conference

What?

EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA) to hold a three-day national conference for users of HPV chemical data.

Why?

To raise awareness of HPV chemical data and encourage its broad use by stakeholders in efforts that promote health, safety, and environmental protection.

Cost?

There is no registration fee.

When?

December 12-14, 2006

Where?

Radisson Inn, Austin, Texas

Who should attend?

Any current or potential users of HPV data, such as:

- Federal, State, Tribal, and local environmental and public health officials
- Academic researchers
- Non-governmental and community organizations
- Industry and labor representatives



Public Access to HPV Data – HPVIS

EPA recently released the HPV Information System (HPVIS), a searchable Web application, to provide the public with comprehensive and easy access to screening-level hazard data and technical chemical property data that was submitted to the HPV Challenge Program.



Conference Goals:

- Educate a wide variety of stakeholders about the HPV Challenge Program and HPVIS database, as well as other sources of chemical toxicity and environmental information
- Share experiences of key stakeholders about the use of data made available by the EPA HPV Challenge Program
- Develop ideas on how to make sources of HPV chemicals information and other data user friendly, accessible, and relevant to a diverse audience

Conference Session Topics:

- Sources of publicly available HPV chemical toxicity and environmental data
- Data applications and relationships
- Data analysis and interpretation of data
- Use of chemical toxicity data to help promote pollution prevention
- International HPV chemical data efforts

For More Information:

NEWMOA Conference Website:

<http://www.newmoa.org/hpv>

HPV Challenge program:

<http://www.epa.gov/hpv>



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